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1. Between 27 and 31 March 1951, the barracks installation in Meissen (N 52/F 09)-Zaschendorf seemed to be occupied to capacity by a unit of about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, about 25 percent with artillery insignia. 50X1-HUM Groups of up to 45 soldiers were undergoing intensive training. Limited vehicular traffic was seen. Motor vehicles were seen in the billeting area. *
2. The Artillerie Kaserne quartered about 100 troops without branch-of-service insignia. On three days, the installation looked virtually deserted, only sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets guarding the gates were seen. No vehicular traffic was observed. ** 50X1-HUM
3. The barracks installation in Meissen-Bohnitzsch seemed to be occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, about 75 percent with tank insignia. About 100 soldiers received close-order drill at squad level, another 50 soldiers were engaged in motor vehicle maintenance work in front of the garages and about 100 troops were at target practice. There was little vehicular traffic. Motor vehicles were observed. 50X1-HUM
4. The Soviet komendantura and a tank repair shop were located on Goethestrasse in the city sector of Niederfahre. The personnel of the komendantura and the repair shop wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. A great deal of activity was observed at the repair shop. Five T-34 tanks, including a Stalin tank and another tank of an undetermined type were parked there. Twelve sidecar motorcycles were standing in front of one of the workshops. *** 50X1-HUM

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* Comment. The information indicates no changes in the occupation of the barracks installation in Zaschendorf.

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** Comment. According to reports on rail movements, elements of the 9th Tank Div were rotated to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds in March 1951.

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*** Comment. The information indicates no changes in the military installations mentioned.

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